

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

To the Chronicle:  
The events of the week at the Capitol though far reaching and of great importance may be briefly summarized. Hon. John G. Carlisle, a clear cut democrat, has been elected and installed Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon taking the gavel he made a short speech which has had an effect to allay the alarm of those who thought, or pretended to think, his election would presage commercial and industrial ruin.

The picturesque features of the first day of the Forty-eighth Congress were an unusually crowded Capitol, a profusion of flowers on the desks of the more prominent men, and the mutual recognition and greeting of senators and men-

Thirty-two names have been added to the roll of the House and this increase is very noticeable in the crowded hall. The Democratic frontier has been advanced far into Republican territory. The latter appear to occupy but little more than one third the space of the hall.

On the second day the President's message was read in both the House and the Senate. The general comment of members and senators is that it is a conservative business-like paper, devoid of salience.

Concerning questions of finance, which are now the prominent questions of National politics, the President is opposed to the rapid extinction of the National debt.

He wishes the tariff to remain as it is. He advises further expenditure upon the Navy, and upon coast fortifications.

With regard to the civil rights question, he intimates that he will approve such legislation as may supplement the guarantees of the constitution in regard to the rights of the colored race.

An omission of any reference to the alleged war of races in Virginia, when such reference was so earnestly desired and prayed for by the bloody shirt remnant of republican dotards is the most emphatic silence in the message. It says that respectability, responsibility, and intelligence of the party are convinced of the mendaciousness of Mahone and his desperate following.

Let the bloody shirt howlers howl never so loudly in the future, they will awaken no other response than their own echo.

The air is full of rumors to-day regarding the appointment of members of the various House committees. No definite statements are given out even by those intimately associated with the new Speaker. They assert that they know nothing of his intentions, and that he has made no promises. An old member said this morning that the new members were seeking positions on the ways and means, appropriations, and judiciary committees, in fact that they wanted to be connected with all of the important committees.

It is generally conceded by democratic members of the House that Representative Morrison of Illinois, will be given the chairmanship of the ways and means, and Mr. Randall that of the appropriations committee. As the associates of Mr. Morrison on the ways and means committee are mentioned the names of Messrs. Hewitt, of New York; Randolph Tucker, Virginia; Curtis, Pennsylvania; Geddis, Ohio; Herbert, Alabama; Seymour, Connecticut; Maybury, Michigan; Cox, New York; or Hurd, Ohio, democrats, and Messrs. Kelley, Pennsylvania; Kasson, Iowa, and Haskell, Kansas, Republicans.

Those who talk of Mr. Carlisle as a southern Speaker of an ex-Confederate house, overlook the fact that a majority of the democratic members are from the north. The southern states proper are represented by seventy-five democrats, the border states, (Missouri, and Kentucky) by twenty-three, and the northern states by ninety-eight. Even classifying Missouri and Kentucky with the south the democratic representation would be a tie—98 to 98.

Of the votes that elected Mr. Carlisle, 35 came from the north, 29 from the border states, and 52 from the south. Mr. Randall's vote of 52 was made up of 32 from the north and 20 from the south. So that Mr. Carlisle received more northern votes than did Randall.

A fact worthy of note in regard to the Southern representation, is that the ex-Confederate element is by no means so large as formerly. Many of the new members from that section are men who have attained prominence since the close of the war.

December 11, 1883.

A Texas paper is responsible for the following: "A tender-foot" wrote the following on a postal card dated Abilene, Texas: "I saw with my own eyes a dog without a fire on its back and was told by a man that I know to be all right that the dog's hair was all blown off by a cyclone or a blizzard as they call them here it betes Hel doesn't it willam."

Why is a preacher like a printer? They are both after the devil. In what respect does a preacher differ from a printer? Printers make the devil work and the devil makes the preacher work.

More money than brains is no doubt an evil; more brains than money no doubt has its annoyances; but the man who has none of either, we are advised by an esteemed cotton-poray, is in a thundering bad fix.—Athens Post.

Ten cotton factories and nine gold mines are in operation within a radius of thirty miles of Charlotte, N. C. The cotton factories yield the most gold.

"Don't be afraid," said a snob to a German laborer; "sit down and make yourself my equal." "I would half to blow my brains out," was the reply of the Teuton.

# CHRISTMAS GOODS

## AT WHOLESALE

—BY—

# CRUSMAN & HOWARD,

CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE.

290 Boxes Florida Oranges,  
225 Barrels Northern Apples,  
3,500 Baracoa Cocoanuts,  
250 Packages Raisins—EVERY VARIETY.  
125 P'kgs Cheese—ALL KINDS,  
375 Cases Canned Goods,  
25 Packages Nuts, Including Almonds, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, Pecans, English & French Walnuts.  
100 BUCKETS CANDY,  
25 HALF BUSH. MEAS. CANDY,  
500 Small Packages Fine Fancy Candy,  
250 PACKAGES PRESERVES, JELLY AND JAM!  
150 Barrels Finest Quality Cut Loaf SUGAR,  
Granulated Powdered & Coffee  
375 Bags Coffee,  
Including Finest Old Government Java, Mocah, Santos, Laguyra, Ceylon Golden Rio, Peaberry Rio and Green Rio,

20 cases Brandy Cherries and Peaches,  
5 casks English and Scotch Ale and Porter.  
200 dozen Bottled Beer, in quarts and pints.  
35,000 Cigars, including our own well known brands of Summer Rest, Herdsman, Speed, Cock of the Roost, Gun Club, Henry Clay, Rip Van Winkle.  
200 packages Chewing Tobacco, including such popular brands as Graverly's, Bob Lee, Old Honesty, Red Cross, Star Navy, Sam Bass, Venus, Advance, Greenville, Sunlight, old and new.

100 PACKAGES SNUFF,

Garrett's, Ralph's and R. R. Mills.

150 Pk'gs Soda.

Which with Brooms, Buckets, Tubs, Baskets, Rope, Twine, Paper, Paper Bags, Matches, Blacking, Pepper, Spices, Vinegar, Coal Oil, Lard and Lubricating Oil, Liquid and Dry Bluing, etc., etc., etc.,

Make the Most Extensive Variety &amp; Complete Stock ever Offered in Clarksville,

And we Cordially

Invite Every Merchant Interested

TO CALL and INSPECT OUR STOCK.

300 PACKAGES OF FIREWORKS,

Including Fire Crackers, Roman Candles, Sky Rockets, Mines of Stars, Triangles, Scroll Wheels, Tourbillon, Pin Wheels, Peerless Colored Fires, Union, Boynets, etc.

5 GROSS CHINESE LANTERNS

150 PKG'S COLGATE'S and TOILET SOAP, GRAHAM'S

250 Boxes Laundry SOAP,

Including all of the Most Reputable Brands.

250 KEGS OF NAILS, ASSORTED SIZES.

200 Bbls. LIME,

100 BARRELS CEMENT,

25 Barrels and Half Barrels Sweet CIDER,

700 BBLs. FLOUR,

Including our Justly Celebrated "ROYAL ROLLER PATENT" Millionaire, Pride of Clarksville, O. F. C., Diamond, Peacher's XXXX, O. N. F., Valley Mills, Nonpareil and Sunrise.

1,200 Barrels Kanawha and Ohio River Salt,

350 Barrels Whisky, in bond and free,

25 Barrels and Casks Native and Imported Wine,

25 CASES IMPORTED WINES,

Including the Finest Champagne, Sherry, Claret, Madeira, Port and White Wine.

The Car Load of 6,000 gallons of STONE WARE just received is, without doubt, the finest Ware ever before brought to this market, and includes Jugs, Jars, Milk Pans, Butter Jars, Churns, complete with covers, dashers, &c., Stew Pans, Fruit Jars, &c.

The Car Load of ORANGES, 290 boxes, just received, opens up in excellent condition, and will be fully ripe during Christmas week. They are from the grove of a personal friend, Mr. S. B. Seat, of Citra, Fla. Each Orange is wrapped and each box numbered with the amount of fruit contained, and was shipped directly to us without re-handling, and worth more than any fruit packed in the usual way.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to examine our very large and varied stock.

# Crusman & Howard,

CORNER 1st and FRANKLIN STS., - - - CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

N. B.—If you have time turn this Sheet over and see what we do in our RETAIL DEPARTMENT for our patrons during the Holiday Season.

CRUSMAN &amp; HOWARD.

## False Issues.

New York Herald.

The Republicans can not conceal their uneasiness at the unexpected action of their opponents in preferring Mr. Carlisle to Mr. Randall for the Speakership. They are raising alarm cries all over the country. Mr. Carlisle, they say, is a free-trader, a Southerner, and Heaven knows what.

When a political party gets to the end of the rope, so to speak—when it has no longer the people's interests at heart, but aims only to retain power for the selfish ends of its leaders—then it resorts to such intimidating methods as the Republicans are now using. It was so in 1859 and 1860, when the Democrats saw they were about to be deposed. They had nothing to offer the people; they no longer cared, nor were able to serve the country. Like the Republicans now, they wished only to retain power; and so they raised the cry of disunion; they called themselves "Union savers," and denounced the Republicans as "Abolitionists," "Union breakers" and the assailants of property. The Democratic "Abolitionist" cry of those days was intended to serve the same ends as the Republican "free-trade" cry now. There is neither truth nor sense in this cry, in one case or the other, and the only intention was then and it is now to misrepresent, and by misrepresentation to scare timid and stupid voters.

The Democrats ought to take courage from the extremity to which the Republicans are evidently reduced. They need not ask for better evidence than in the election of Mr. Carlisle they have struck the right track than is furnished them in the foolish outcries of the Republicans.

It will be the fault of Democratic timidity if the ridiculous pretence of a "solid South" against a "solid North" makes the least headway. Such a false issue can not live if the Democrats are only attentive to the people's wants and calmly insist on the true issue.

## A Kentucky Jewel.

Albany Journal (Rep.).

Mr. Carlisle is undoubtedly the best equipped legislator in either house of Congress, and, combined with his exceptional knowledge of affairs, he has remarkable skill and ability as a debater. He always leads his side in every great discussion, and he never fails to make his best speech on the occasion. He is also one of the very few men in public life who are parliamentarians as well as statesmen. Generally the little men look after the rules of order; and that is because these rules are mainly studied for the tricks in them. Large men leave them alone. Mr. Carlisle has long practice as presiding officer of the Kentucky Senate, and he has studied the parliamentary law of himself. Perhaps as good an indication of Mr. Carlisle as a public man as can be found anywhere, can be read in these lines of the closing paragraph of a speech made by him March 1, 1881, in reply to a characteristically brutal and lawless attack by Mr. Keifer. Mr. Carlisle said:

"I have not made a political speech, or at least not a party speech, on the floor of this House during all my service here. I have given my earnest attention to what honestly believed to be really the highest interests of the general public; and it has become the gentleman from Ohio, simply because I and my associates have been so often forced upon gentlemen on that side upon a great public measure like this, say that our motives are not as party and patriotic as theirs."

The simple dignity of this rebuke and its truthfulness moved Mr. Frye to rise and say: "The gentleman from Kentucky is recognized on this side as the jewel of the Democratic party in this House," a declaration that was received with applause by both sides.

There is a general rejoicing among our exchanges on receipt of the esteemed Congressional Record. The Philadelphia Bulletin explains:

The Congressional Record is one of those exceptions to the law of the survival of the fittest which presumably prove the rule. In this first number of the new volume we have no unspoken speech, no serious and no poems from presidential congressmen, but we feel that these well-known features will be restored within a few days. The old rag-bag of Washington have begun to smile once more.

## A New System of Telegraphy.

"Synchronous multiplex telegraphy" was explained the other night in New York by P. B. Delaney, to a number of scientific gentlemen. It was claimed that by means of a machine resembling a typewriter, and by means of which messages can be sent over a single wire at the same time. Any person can operate it as easily as a typewriter. Keys marked with the letters of the alphabet are used by the sender, and the message is recorded at the other end by a "flicker."

A HALF-BREDDED with three squaws, all heavily laden with skins, complacently permitted his oldest squaw to go ahead and test the ice as he was about to make a Missouri near Mandan. She broke through repeatedly, and had to extricate herself as best she could, the noble son of the forest coolly smoking his pipe in the meantime, and awaiting the discovery of a safe crossing for himself and his younger squaws.

## The Florida Ship Canal.

The directors of the Florida Ship Canal Company have been in session in Washington, and adjourned last Friday. In order to meet the views of the capitalists, who are negotiating for the company's bonds, the stock-holders meeting has been called Jan. 9, to consider the programme recommended by Finance Committee.

A farm like everything else, can not remain stationary for many years. If a course of improvement is not adopted, it will most certainly deteriorate. The owner will be growing poorer or richer, according to the direction in which the farm is moving.

Of the 60,000 drummers in this country, including commission men, some get \$10,000 a year, quite a number \$3,000 to \$5,000, while the average salary is about \$1,500 and expenses. The expenses average six dollars a day.

When the poet sang "Backward turn backward, Oh Time, in thy flight," he never thought that the wish would be realized.—Georgetown Times.

"No, sir," said Fogg. "I never knew Brown to mislead or deceive anybody in his life. No, sir; fact is, he couldn't. Nobody would believe anything he said."